(c) Under the National Cancer Control Programme financial assistance is provided for the detection, prevention and awareness of the disease. The following schemes arc being implemented:—

(i) Upgradation of Regional Cancer Centres in various States/ UTs.

(ii) Development of Oncology Wing in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals.

(iii) Installation of Cobalt Therapy facilities in Government/ Charitable Institutions.

(iv) District Cancer Control Programme: It has five elements (a) Health education (b) early Detection (c) training of medical and para-medical personnel (d) Palliative treatment and pain relief and (e) Coordination and Monitoring.

(v) Financial assistance to NGOs for health education and early detection activities in cancer.

Upgradation of Regional College of Medical Sciences, Imphal

*527. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not upgrading the Regional College of Medical Sciences (RCMS), Imphal, like North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, as it has its own enough infrastructure to be upgraded as a Deemed University;

(b) whether it is a fact that introduction of other subjects at RCMS, Imphal, arc being delayed because of plan of NEIGRI of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong; and

(c) if not, why it has been delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, was established in 1972 which is a joint venture of Central Government and the North-Eastern States except Assam. The Institute was set up

for development of trained manpower in the field of medical and health care. The institute runs MBBS and Post-graduate courses besides providing general medical care. The proposed North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, mainly deals with post-graduate education in medical sciences in 35 speciality and super speciality departments besides offering referral medical services. It will also provide the much-desired specialised medical care for entire north-eastern region. As such, both the institutes will give necessary fillip to the health manpower requirements in the region.

The first phase of upgradation of RIMS, Imphal was completed in 1998-99 at an expendiutre of Rs 89.02 crores. The Phase II of the proposal for extension of RIMS at an estimated cost of Rs. 90 crores is under consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A High level committee set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Health) examined the requirement of health manpower in north-eastern region and the proposal of RIMS, Imphal. In its meeting held on 12.3.2001, the committee finalised the report. The Expenditure Finance Committee memorandum of Phase II of RIMS, Imphal, would be revised by thjj North-Eastern Council in the light of the recommendations made by the high powered committee.

Cost of production of steel

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies, out of the steel producing companies in the world whose production cost is minimum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited is also one of those companies;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.